

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A fireplace grate assembly, comprising:
a grate having substantially parallel spaced bars adapted for supporting a log;
a plurality of legs connected to said grate and extending downwardly
therefrom, thereby supporting said grate away from a fireplace floor on which said grate is
placed; and
an accessory positioned on top of said grate, said accessory comprising two
elongate members positioned across a portion of said parallel spaced bars, said elongate
members being spaced apart and connected to one another by at least one connecting member,
said at least one connecting member and said elongate members having a uniform cross section
and diameter of between 3/8 - 7/8 inches, wherein the top of said accessory is spaced from said
bars by said diameter.
2. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 1, wherein said elongate
members are substantially parallel to one another.
3. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 2, wherein said connecting
member comprises a pair of spaced bars disposed between said elongate members, said pair of
spaced bars being substantially orthogonal to said elongate members.
4. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 1, wherein said elongate
members comprise cylindrical steel stock of diameter between 3/8 inches to 7/8 inches and
whose centers are spaced apart between 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches.
5. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 4, wherein said connecting
member comprises a pair of spaced bars disposed between said elongate members, said pair of
bars being substantially orthogonal to said elongate members and being formed from the same
stock.

6. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 5, wherein said connecting members are welded to said elongate members.

7. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 1, wherein said parallel spaced bars are spaced at least 2.5 inches center to center.

8. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 1, wherein said parallel spaced bars of said grate form a gap of at least 2 inches therebetween, said connecting member positioned intermediate two of said bars.

9. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 1, wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of spaced bar members disposed between said elongate members, said pair of bar members being substantially orthogonal to said elongate members and being formed from the same stock.

10. (Original) The fireplace grate assembly of claim 9, further comprising a synthetic firelog resting on said accessory, said firelog having a rectangular or cylindrical shape and being supported by said elongate members and said pair of bars, whereby said firelog burns longer than if placed on said grate without said accessory.

Claims 11 – 17 (Cancelled)